

**Cemetery Association
Minutes of Meeting
July 18, 2012**

The Town of Camden Cemetery Association held a meeting on the above date. Present were Larry Gross, Parker Laite, Sr., Jeff Weymouth, Pat Ayers, Kristine Lerner and Jeff Sukeforth. Also attending were Town Manager Pat Finnigan and Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf. The meeting was chaired by Jeff Sukeforth.

1. Approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting – Under agenda item #5 Financial Reports Pat Ayers asked about the amount in account #R95-03-01 “Mt. View Grave Sales” for the sale of 2 graves. Carol Sue explained that this was 20% of the sale price as the other 80% was credited to #R95-03-04 “Perpetual Care Deposits” for investment purposes. Parker Laite made a motion, “to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting as written”. The motion was 2nd by Larry Gross and approved by a vote.
2. Allowing upright headstones at the Oak Hill North Cemetery (By-law change)? – Jeff Sukeforth shared a Conceptual Site Plan dated May 21, 1997 prepared by Michael T. Farmer & Associates for the Cemetery Committee. The Plan lays out 4 Phases of development for the 39.75 acres with appropriate notations. According to the Plan Phase III would allow upright headstones. This Phase would not be implemented for many years, so the committee will consider making a change that moves upright headstones closer to the area now available for sale. Carol Sue shared numbers furnished by Sexton Bruce Libby in 2004 (with updated notes) of available grave sites at each of the cemeteries. Pat Finnigan and Kristine Lerner will develop a survey (regarding upright headstones) that will be reviewed at the October meeting and distributed at the polls on Election Day in November. Kristine Lerner asked how much it would cost to develop additional sites on the Plan. The idea of including a “cremation garden” was discussed. Pat Ayers made a motion, “to table any decision on the By-law change that allows upright headstones until the survey results have been received”. The motion was 2nd by Jeff Weymouth and approved by a vote.
3. Financial reports – Carol Sue reviewed the financial reports ending 6/30/2012. These numbers are subject to change if any final (fiscal year) invoices arrive by 7/20/2012 the last warrant date. She reported balances in the Reserve accounts of: Cemetery Association Reserve \$25,896.26 and Cemetery Stone Wall Reserve \$23,762.90. Parker Laite made a motion, “to carry forward \$1,640.00 in the Tree Maintenance line (#5502-3033) and \$575.00 in the Stone Restoration line (#5502-3051)”. The motion was 2nd by Pat Ayers and approved by a vote. Parker Laite will check with stone cleaning companies for prices and available time frames.

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Pat Finnigan reported that the harbor will be dredged this fall. Dredge material will be taken to the back of the Oak Hill North Cemetery using the gravel pit road. Pat also noted that Jeff Sukeforth and Parker Laite attended the Select Board meeting held on 7/17 and thanked them.

At the end of the meeting, Pat shared a framed "Certificate of Appreciation" from the American Legion to the Town of Camden/Camden Cemetery Association "in recognition and sincere appreciation of outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of The American Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and Country".

The next regular meeting will be held on October 17, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. in the Washington Street Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Sue Greenleaf